

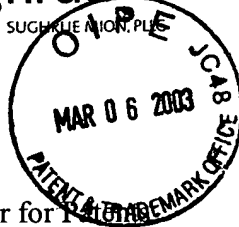
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Re: Application of Shuji HITOMI
ELECTRODE FOR FUEL CELL AND MANUFACTURING METHOD
THEREFOR
Assignee: JAPAN STORAGE BATTERY CO., LTD.
Our Ref: Q57834

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/497,515 (Confirmation No. 7579) filed on February 4, 2000 of Shuji HITOMI entitled ELECTRODE FOR FUEL CELL AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1745.

Enter the Amendment previously filed on February 4, 2003 under 37 CFR § 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

Priority is claimed from:

Country	Application No	Filing Date
Japan	P.Hei. 11-29045	February 5, 1999
Japan	P.Hei. 11-78885	March 24, 1999
Japan	P.Hei. 11-78889	March 24, 1999

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/497,515.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	34 - 20 = 14	x \$18.00 = \$252.00
Independent claims	6 - 3 = 3	x \$84.00 = \$252.00
Base Fee		\$750.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee	03/07/2003 SDENBOB1 00000138 194880 09497515	\$280.00
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	02 FC:1201	252.00 CH
	03 FC:1202	252.00 CH
	04 FC:1203	280.00 CH
TOTAL FILING FEE		\$1534.00



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A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/497,515. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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